

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2005

Division: County Administrator

Bulk Item: Yes X No     

Department: County Administrator

Staff Contact Person: Abra Campo

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Approval of the appointment of Debra Walker, Ph.D. to the Health Council of South Florida Board of Directors, commencing September 21, 2005 for a term of two years.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Directors placement category of consumer seat became vacant due to the passing of William Kwalick.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

Previous approvals of appointments.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval.

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**TOTAL COST:** -0-

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No     

**COST TO COUNTY:** -0-

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                                 

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes      No      **AMOUNT PER MONTH**      **Year**     

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty      OMB/Purchasing      Risk Management     

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

Thomas J. Willi  
(TYPE NAME HERE)

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included X Not Required     

**DISPOSITION:**                                 

**AGENDA ITEM #**



September 9, 2005

Tom Willy  
County Administrator  
County of Monroe  
5100 College Road, Room 312  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mr. Willy:

The Health Council of South Florida Inc. (Council) is pleased to submit the application of Debra Walker, Ph.D. to the Board of Directors in the category of Consumer for a two year term. The seat became vacant due to the passing of William Kwalick. The Council's Nominating Committee convened to review applications in accordance with Council Bylaws and recommends the appointment of Dr. Walker to the Council's Board of Directors. Dr. Walker's application form and resume are attached.

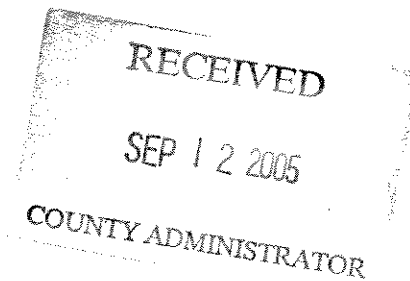
The Council also requests the reappointment of Kerry Shelby, C.P.A. to a two year term in the category of Purchaser. His current term expires on October 14, 2005. The Council's Nominating Committee reviewed Mr. Shelby's status and determined that he is in good standing. Mr. Shelby is also a member of the Board's Finance Committee. His application form and resume are enclosed.

If possible, we respectfully request that these applications be submitted to the Commissioners for appointment at the next County Commission Meeting. Please feel free to contact me, or Priscilla Pouchet, Office Administrator, at (305) 592-1452 should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Sonya R. Albury  
Executive Director

enclosure



*Our mission is to engage in community-based planning that improves health and promotes wellness in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.*

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Fred Stock, M.S.W., L.N.H.A.

Ana Rita Velazquez, Sc.D.

#### Executive Director

Sonya R. Albury

**CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL HEALTH COUNCIL  
DISTRICT XI, MONROE COUNTY**

NAME Debra S. Walker

BUSINESS ADDRESS 241 Trumbo Road  
(Street)

TEL 305-293-1400 x324(sec.)

Key West FL 33041  
(City, State Zip Code)

FAX 305-293-1408

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 68 Bahama Avenue  
(Street)

TEL 305-453-9683

Key Largo FL 33037  
(City, State Zip Code)

FAX none

MALE ☐ FEMALE ☒ BLACK ☐ CAUCASIAN ☒ LATIN ☐ AGE 60 OR OLDER ☐

TYPE OF SEAT: PURCHASER ☐; PROVIDER ☐; CONSUMER ☒

EMPLOYER

Monroe County School Board

NATURE OF BUSINESS/PROFESSION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/ARCHAEOLOGY PROFESSOR

IF CORPORATION, INDICATE TITLE & DUTIES ELECTED POLITICAL OFFICIAL - board  
oversees county public schools

PERTINENT BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Resume or Curriculum Vitae may be attached)

see attached

has been emailed to  
hctf@healthcouncil.org

-note. I serve on the Florida Keys AHEC board, but  
it is not funded by the MC Commission to my knowledge.

I, (candidate's name) Debra S. Walker, a citizen of  
the United States, and a duly qualified elector of Monroe County, would, if appointed, be willing and able to  
discharge the responsibilities and functions of a member of the Local Health Council. I declare that I do not serve  
on another board, agency or advisory group created and/or funded by the Monroe County Commission.

Debra S. Walker  
CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

31 July 05  
DATE

*CURRICULUM VITAE*  
**DEBRA SELSOR WALKER, Ph.D.**  
*July, 2005*

ADDRESS: 68 Bahama Avenue, Key Largo, Florida 33037  
305-453-9683 cell 305-394-5001 [walkerd@terranova.net](mailto:walkerd@terranova.net)

PROFESSION:

- 1993 - present *Adjunct Professor, Sociology and Anthropology,*  
Florida International University, Miami, Florida.
- ✓ Taught courses in archaeology and biological anthropology
  - ✓ Ceramic consultant for archaeology projects in Belize and Guatemala
  - ✓ P.I. Cerros, Belize 1993-1995
  - ✓ Co-P.I. Naachtun, Guatemala 2004-present
- 1994 - present Elected Public Official. *Vice Chair, Monroe County School Board* (Florida Keys).  
Oversee policy and programs; \$75M operating budget, 8500 pre-K -12th grade students.  
Re-elected without opposition twice to four-year terms in 1998, 2002. Chair 2001-02.

Significant board accomplishments in county include:

- ✓ Student achievement at top tier in Florida; visit [www.keysschools.com](http://www.keysschools.com)
- ✓ State-of-the-art technology for students, staff and community
- ✓ Award-winning school construction and renovation program based on voter-approved ½ cent sales tax

Significant personal accomplishments include:

- ✓ Statewide advocacy for healthy schools, including Nurse-in-every-school campaign, school wellness, nutrition and affordable health insurance
- ✓ Member, state board coordinating healthy schools initiatives
- ✓ Statewide advocacy for adequately funding public education
- ✓ Member, BOD state school boards association
- ✓ Advocate for strengthening math and science curriculum in public schools
- ✓ Advocate for arts education in public schools

INTERESTS: Complex Societies, Maya Archaeology, Ceramic Analysis, Maya Epigraphy, Culture Change, Migration Studies, Religion, Symbol Systems, Trade, Archaeological Theory, Human Evolution, Evolutionary Basis for Modern Human Health, Sustainable Site Management and Economic Development

School Culture, Science Education, Cognition Studies, Reading Theory, Education Policy, Public Health Policy

LANGUAGES: some Spanish, French, Yucatec Maya vocabulary

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Society for American Archaeology  
American Anthropological Association  
Florida School Boards Association  
Sigma Xi

RECENT PUBLIC SERVICE:

*Member, Board of Directors, Florida School Boards Association 2002-present*  
*Member and Past President (2003-2004), South Florida Consortium of School Boards*  
*Member and past Vice President, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center*  
*Member, Florida School Health and Education Consortium*  
*Royal Court, Black and White Ball (2005) Fundraiser for Florida Keys Children's Shelter*

#### EDUCATION:

2000	Certified Board Member, Florida School Boards Association, Tallahassee.
1990	Ph.D., Archaeology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
1987	M.A., A.B.D., Archaeology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
1976	B.A., Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana.

#### COURSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to Archaeology	Introduction to Anthropology
Maya Civilization	Maya Hieroglyphic Writing
Introduction to Biological Anthropology	Ceramic Analysis
Archaeological Field School	Archaeology of Middle America
Laboratory Methods	Archaeological Research Design

#### PRIOR TEACHING AND FIELD EXPERIENCE:

2004-present	<i>Co-Director and Project Ceramicist</i> , Naachtun Archaeological Project, Peten, Guatemala. University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2002	<i>Field School Instructor</i> , Belize Postclassic Project, Corozal District SUNY Albany.
2001	<i>Ceramics Consultant</i> , Belize Postclassic Project, Corozal District SUNY Albany.
1997	<i>Instructor</i> , Archaeology for Educators Workshop, Hillbank Research Station, Belize. Teachers learn resources/strategies for teaching Maya culture and tropical rainforest ecology.
1994-95	<i>P.I. and Field School Director</i> , CCADP, Cerros, Belize. Latin American Caribbean Center, Florida International University, Miami.
1993	<i>P.I. and Field School Director</i> , CCADP, Cerros, Belize. University of Minnesota Department of Anthropology, Minneapolis.
1992	<i>P. I.</i> , CCADP, Archaeological Reconnaissance of Cerros, Belize.
1991- 1993	<i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i> , Anthropology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
1990	<i>Adjunct Instructor</i> , Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.
1986-1988	<i>Lecturer</i> , Archaeology, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas. (now U. of North Texas)
1986	<i>Surveyor</i> , SMU-NGS-INAH Yaxuna Archaeological Project, Yucatan, Mexico.
1984-1986	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Anthropology Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
1984	<i>Field School</i> , SMU Ft. Burgwin Research Center, Ranchos de Taos, NM.
1979-1981	<i>Asst. Laboratory Director and Excavator</i> , UT at San Antonio Colha Project, Orange Walk Dist., Belize; 3 seasons of excavation.

1976

*Excavator*, University of Illinois, Collins Site, Vermilion County, Illinois.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

- ✓ Co-Director, Naachtun Archaeological Project, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- ✓ Principal Investigator, Ongoing research for Cerros, Corozal District, Belize
- ✓ Ceramic Analysis of pottery excavated from Xaman K'iwik, Belize.

In prep. a *Archaeology at Cerros, Belize, Central America, Volume IV: The Monumental Architecture*. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor and David Freidel.

In prep. b *Archaeology at Cerros, Belize, Central America. Volume V: Classic and Postclassic Settlement*. Senior author with Beverly Chiarulli.

In prep. c *Archaeology at Cerros, Belize, Central America. Volume VI: The Ceramics*. Senior author with Robin Robertson.

PUBLICATIONS:

2003-pres. Keys Schools. Biweekly column. *The Reporter* Newspaper, Tavernier, Florida.  
[www.upperkeysreporter.com](http://www.upperkeysreporter.com)

In press Después de la Caída: Una Redefinición del Clásico Temprano Maya. En *XIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City. Senior author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor and Peter Mathews

2005 *Sampling Cerros' Demise: A Radiometric Check on the Elusive Protoclassic*. Report to FAMSI on Grant #03064. <http://www.famsi.org/reports/03064/index.html>

2004a Exploring Naachtun. *Institute of Maya Studies Newsletter*, Vol. 33:11, pp. 1,5,6. Miami Museum of Science, Miami.

2004b Review of "Tikal: Dynasties, Foreigners, and Affairs of State", School of American Research Advanced Seminar Series. Jeremy A. Sabloff, ed., Santa Fe: SAR Press, 2003. In *Journal of Latin American Anthropology* Vol. 9 (1), Spring 2004.

2004c Review of *Incidents of Archaeology in Central America and Yucatan: Essays in Honor of Edwin M. Shook*. Michael Love, Marion Popenoe de Hatch and Hector L. Escobedo, eds. New York: University Press of America, Inc., 2002. *Latin American Antiquity*. 15(4):464-466.

2002 The Passage of the Late Preclassic into the Classic. In M. Masson and D. Freidel, eds., *Ancient Maya Political Economy*. Altamira Press. With Kathryn Reese-Taylor.

1998 Smashed Pots and Shattered Dreams: The Material Evidence for an Early Classic Site Termination at Cerros, Belize. In Shirley Boteler Mock, ed., *The Sowing and the Dawning: Termination, Dedication and Transformation in the Archaeological and Ethnographic Record of Mesoamerica*. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.

1995 (ed.) *Research at Cerros, Belize: Results of the 1994 Excavation Season*. Report distributed by the editor. Florida International University, Miami.

1994a Surviving the Spanish. *The People's Journal* 7:34-35. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, Miami.

1994b (ed.) *Research at Cerros, Belize: Results of the 1993 Excavation Season*. Report distributed by the editor. Florida International University, Miami.

1991 The Primary Standard Sequence on a Sample of Maya Vessels: Some Conclusions of the 1989

PSS Ceramics Group. In T. Jones and C. Young, eds., *U Mut Maya III*. Arcata, Ca.

- 1990 Cerros Revisited: Ceramic Indicators of Terminal Classic and Postclassic Settlement and Pilgrimage in Northern Belize. Ph.D. dissertation, Southern Methodist University. University Microfilms.
- 1982 Laboratory Procedures at Colha: The 1981 Season. In T. Hester et al., eds., *Archaeology at Colha, Belize: The 1981 Interim Report*, pp. 195-7. Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio.

PAPERS:

- 2005a Después de la Caída: Una Redefinición del Clásico Temprano Maya. En *XLIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City. Senior author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor and Peter Mathews.
- 2005b Inventing Healthy Schools: Lessons Learned in Monroe County Schools. Presentation to Hillsborough County School Health Advisory Council, Tampa. 14 June, 2005.
- 2005c Tzakol Pots and Politics: Delimiting the Cultural Parameters of Early Classic Polychromes. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, 3 April, Salt Lake City.
- 2004 Terminal Classic Migration along the Rio Hondo Drainage: The Evidence from Xaman K'iwik, Belize. Paper presented at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, 3 April 2004, Montreal.
- 2002 After the Fall: The Rise of the Early Classic. Paper presented at the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November, 2002, Denver. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor.
- 2001 The Times, They Are A-Changin': The Body Politic of the Late Preclassic. Paper presented at the Maya Meetings, Texas Symposium, March 9, 2001, Austin. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor.
- 2000a Cerros Research in the 90s: Integrating Archaeology and Education at a Maya Site. Paper presented in a symposium entitled Field Schools for the Next Millenium: Mixing Student Training, Research and Public Education, 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 7, 2000, Philadelphia.
- 2000b Boom and Bust! The Late Preclassic to Early Classic Transition in Northern Belize. Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 5-9, 2000, Philadelphia. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor
- 1997 Results of Recent Investigations in the Cerros Settlement. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Nashville. Senior author with Beverly Mitchum and Kathryn Reese-Taylor.
- 1996a Religion and Trade in Postclassic Yucatan: The Material Evidence from Chetumal Province. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans.
- 1996b Interpolity Dynamics and the Demise of Cerros. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor and Beverly Mitchum.
- 1996c The Maya Workshop for Teachers at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the Chacmool Conference, Calgary, Alberta. Co-author with Renata Wolyneć, Beverly Mitchum and Kathryn

Reese-Taylor.

- 1995a New Research at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the 60th Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis.
- 1995b Cerros Research: Recent Findings and Directions. Paper presented at the First International Symposium on Maya Archaeology, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 1995c Ritual and Pilgrimage at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association. Joint author with Beverly Mitchum.
- 1994a An Experiment in Reconstructing History at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting, Society for Applied Anthropology, Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico.
- 1994b Cerros Revisited: Results of the 1993 Excavations of the CCADP. Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Anaheim. Senior author, with Kathryn Reese-Taylor and Beverly Mitchum.
- 1994c Evidence for a Symbolic Ballcourt at Cerros Belize. Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, April 21, Anaheim. Co-author with Kathryn Reese-Taylor, Fred Valdez, Jr. and Kenneth Liss.
- 1992 Smashed Pots and Shattered Dreams: Material Evidence for an Early Classic Site Termination at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 8-12, 1992, Pittsburgh.
- 1990 Late Period Settlement at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 1986 A Context for Maya Ritual at Cerros, Belize. Paper presented at the 10th Annual Maya Hieroglyphics Conference, Austin, Texas.

#### GRANTS AND SUPPORT:

- 2004 Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. Grant #03064 for "Sampling Cerros' Demise: A Radiometric Check on the Elusive Protoclassic"
- 1993 University of Minnesota, Dept. of Anthropology: to support 1993 Field School in Belize
- 1992 University of Minnesota, Dept. of Anthropology: to develop an archaeological field school at the site of Cerros, Belize
- 1992 National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections Grant: to review ceramic collections in Belmopan, Belize
- 1990 SMU, Garry Weber Graduate Fellowship Award: for final stage of writing dissertation.
- 1987 SMU, Graduate Student Assembly Grant: to support compositional analysis of ceramics.
- 1986 SMU, Graduate Student Assembly Research Grant: to support Cerros ceramic analysis.

#### SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED:

- 2005 Sphere of Influence: Fifty Years of Interpreting Lowland Maya Ceramics in the Shadow of the Uaxactun Report. Organizer and chair of proposed session for the 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, March 30- April 5, 2005.
- 1995 Revisiting Cerros: New Strategies for Research at the Late Formative Maya City. Chair of



symposium for the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, May 5-9, Minneapolis.

- 1992 Termination and Dedication Rituals in the Archaeological Record: The Geography of Sacred Space in Ancient America. Co-chair of symposium for the 57th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 8-12, Pittsburgh. With Shirley Mock.
- 1991 Incidents of Excavation in Central America, Chiapas and Yucatan: 150 Years of Maya Archaeology. Organizer/chair for symposium held at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 27, New Orleans.
- 1990 Maya Settlement Patterns: New Methods and New Interpretations. Co-chair for symposium held at the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, December 2, New Orleans. With Susan Jaeger.

PERSONAL:

Married, Marshall Winfield Walker, 1982  
Daughter, Mary Margaret Walker, 5/24/87  
Son, Daniel Paul Walker, 1/31/99

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES:

1994 - present Florida School Boards Association Annual Meetings, Tampa.

- 2001 Preclassic Work Group, March 12, 2001. Austin.
- 1995 First International Symposium on Maya Archaeology. San Ignacio, Belize.
- 1991 Maya Ceramic Workshop. Conference for Maya ceramic researchers organized by Anabel Ford, June 17-22, San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize.
- 1990 Organizer, 1990 Cerros Reunion, Dallas, Texas.